



Make a Tingatinga dung beetle

What you need

- Black card
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Oil pastels
- Coloured paper
- Kitchen towel
- Glue
- White paint



Olaf Falafel is a children's author, illustrator, dad of two daughters and a comedian. During the first lockdown he created an online art club (tinyurl.com/TWJ-olafart). Each episode was filled with jokes, useful drawing tips, funny animations and stupid jokes like this one: How much does a chimney cost? Nothing – it's on the house! Over to you, Olaf...

"Sometimes, I like to tie in my art column with whatever my children are doing at school. This week, one of them has been learning about Tingatinga art. This is a highly stylised (meaning it has a distinctive style that is not meant to be realistic) east African art named after its founder, Tanzanian painter Edward Saidi Tingatinga. The subjects of Tingatinga pictures are often the animals known as the 'big five'. These are the main animals that tourists try to spot on safari: buffaloes, elephants, leopards, lions and rhinos. Giraffes and zebras have also been shown in Tingatinga artworks. The paintings are vibrant and simple. They use low-cost materials such as masonite boards (a cheaper alternative to canvases) and bicycle paints, which have really zingy colours. I thought I'd make my own Tingatinga-influenced art but rather than the big five, I thought I'd show something much smaller – probably one of the hardest-working creatures on the African plains, the humble dung beetle." Why not send a photo of your own creation to hello@theweekjunior.co.uk – we'd love to see your art.



Olaf Falafel and his creation.

WARNING!
Be careful when using sharp scissors.



1 First, get together all your materials and equipment.



2 Fold the black card in half and draw half a beetle shape.



3 Carefully cut along the outline and fold the shape out.



4 Use oil pastels to shade a band across the coloured paper.



5 Use a sheet of kitchen towel to smooth out the oil pastel band.



6 Stick the cut-out beetle shape onto the bright background.



7 Use white paint to draw along the outline of your beetle.



8 Decorate it using brightly coloured oil pastels.

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